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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Barry N. GARDINER et al.

Serial No.: 08/781,579

Filing Date: January 9, 1997

For: SUTURED STAPLE SURGICAL
FASTENERS, INSTRUMENTS AND
METHODS FOR MINIMALLY
INVASIVE VASCULAR AND
ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 16) dated August 10, 1999 for which
a response was due on November 10, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 28, 42, 67 without prejudice of later renewal.

Claims 68, 71, 73 and 76 are withdrawn with traverse.

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